

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Claims

Prior to entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 3-76 were pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 3-5 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, following entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 6-76 will be pending.

Claims 6, 7, and 73 are amended herein to be rewritten independent form including all the limitations of independent base claim 3.

II. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter and Objections to Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 9-72 and 74-76 contain allowable subject matter, and for the indication that claims 6-8 and 73 would be allowable if appropriately rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

As previously mentioned, claims 6, 7, and 73 are amended herein to be rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of independent base claim 3. Claim 8 depends from and includes all the limitations recited in amended claim 7, and as such, it is believed unnecessary to rewrite claim 8 in independent form.

Therefore, claims 6-76 are believed to be in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office action, claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang (U.S. Pat. No. 5,265,589).

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections, claims 3-5 have been cancelled to permit the present application to issue. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a later filed continuation application.

IV. Conclusion

For at least the various reasons discussed herein, it is believed that claims 6-76 are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

A petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the July 8, 2005 Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Tuesday,

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November 8, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 the amount of \$500.00 to cover the \$120.00 extension of time fee, the \$200 additional independent claim fee, and the \$180.00 fee for the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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